

On January 10th, Amandi Omokore- Allen celebrated his first birthday! When he was born, he weighed 1 pound 5 ounces and was given a 10% chance of survival. After spending 155 days in a NICU, he went home. He was only slightly more than halfway through a typical gestation period of 40 weeks. Amandi now weighs almost 21 lbs!

Jari Lopez was born at 11.5 ounces. Doctors gave him a 30% chance of survival. He was born at 24 weeks gestation and remained in the NICU for 127 days. On his first birthday, he weighed 16 lbs!

I share these fantastic stories with you to show the viability of a baby is not a doctor's determination. These children survived well before the 40 weeks of gestation.

Current Maine law allows abortion up until the fetus is viable, which is normally about 22-24 weeks. The law also states, and I quote: "After viability, an abortion may be performed only when it is necessary to preserve the life or health of the mother. State statute defines viability as when the life of the fetus may be continued indefinitely outside the womb by natural or artificial life support." End quote

This proposed bill goes too far and is NOT in the best interest of Maine. Babies can and HAVE survived before the 22-24 weeks gestation as I've shared. We need to protect all children. I have a picture of our grandson when he was 24 weeks old in gestation. He will be born at the end of this month. He is beautiful in this picture and we can't wait to meet him!

Thank you for serving and may God richly bless you as you seek to do His will for the people of Maine.

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